

## **In the Interim...**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On February 11, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent 2018, we mark the Transfiguration of the Lord.

Jesus was nearing the end of his earthly ministry and beginning a journey to Jerusalem to face his crucifixion. Perhaps troubled, perhaps exhausted, perhaps fearful, Jesus went to a mountain to pray, taking with him disciples Peter, James, and John. On the mountaintop something extraordinary happened. Right before the disciples' eyes, Jesus was changed, transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. With Jesus appeared the prophet Elijah and the law giver Moses. Witnessing this, the disciples were moved to ask Jesus to allow them to build shrines for him, Elijah, and Moses. But Jesus explained that staying on the mountain was not an option; he must go to Jerusalem to suffer and die.

So our Lenten journey begins on a mountain. Yet we, too, cannot stay on the mountain. On Wednesday, February 14, we will gather in the chapel at 6:30 PM for a special Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday service. Ashes will be imparted as we remind ourselves that to be human is to be mortal. Heart charms will be shared as we remind ourselves of God's redeeming love.

Thus we begin the six-week journey to Easter Sunday. Below are Wednesday night opportunities to make this Lenten season one of introspection and transformation in your life. Come; let us take this journey together.

Wanda Neely

### **Wednesdays Night Programs During Lent**

5:15 PM: Serving Begins for Meal in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM: Worship with Communion in the Chapel

**February 14:** Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday Service, Wanda Neely, Leader

**February 21:** Bob Lowry, Leader

**February 28:** Adam Bowling, Leader

**March 7:** A Service for Healing and Wholeness: Lynn Webber, leader

**March 14:** Bobbi White, Leader

**March 21:** Bill Neely, Leader